

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 18-21, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 4 is a graph of [^3H]-thymidine incorporation as an index of DNA synthesis in NIH3T3 cells transfected with $\text{G}\alpha_{12}\text{QL}$ DNA ($\text{G}\alpha_{12}\text{QL}$ -NIH3T3) versus control NIH3T3 cells transfected with vector alone (pcDNA3-NIH3T3). Groups treated with a COX-2 inhibitor at 10 μM are labeled with a "+" symbol, while groups not treated with a COX-2 inhibitor are labeled with a "-" symbol. Values represent the mean \pm S.E. from a triplicate determination.